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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE METHOD TO LIBERATE AFGHAN POLITICAL
PRISONERS

REF: KABUL 4525

1. WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE WITH REFTEL SUGGESTION FOR HIGH-
LEVEL APPROACH TO AFGHAN PRIME MINISTER BY ICRC (OR UNHCR),
AND AGREE EFFORTS ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE MADE IN COOP-
ERATION WITH A BRITISH INITIATIVE.

2. FROM OUR EXPERIENCE WITH ICRC WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE
PREPARED TO CARRY OUT SUCH A MISSION, IF NOT BY THEIR
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PRESIDENT, THEN BY ONE OF THEIR DISTINGUISHED SWISS VICE
PRESIDENTS OR SENIOR STAFF. ICRC GENERALLY IS PREPARED
TO ACT AT REQUEST OF GOVERNMENTS, AND THIS APPEARS TO BE
SUCH A CASE, SINCE THE SUGGESTION COMES FROM TARAKI.

3. ICRC WOULD HOWEVER NEED TO KNOW WHERE THE DETAINEES
ARE EXPECTED TO GO. ICRC IS NOT ABLE ITSELF TO PROVIDE OR

ARRANGE SAFE HAVEN, EITHER FOR TRANSIT OR FOR SETTLEMENT. QUESTION THEREFORE IS WHETHER BRITISH OR OTHER COUNTRY IS PREPARED TO OFFER ASYLUM. ONCE THEY DO, WE FEEL CONFIDENT ICRC WOULD BE PREPARED TO HELP WITH ARRANGEMENTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST LONDON DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH FCO TO SEE IF TAPSELL AND CROOK HAVE REPORTED ON THIS SUBJECT, AND TO ASK WHAT HMG IS PREPARED TO DO. YOU COULD OFFER TO ASSIST HMG IN APPROACH TO ICRC (OR UNHCR) IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

5. WE SHARE SENSE OF URGENCY EXPRESSED IN REFTTEL AND SUGGEST THIS BE CONVEYED ALSO BY HMG.

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